

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA  
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest Conservation Act –Diversion of 4.828 ha of Forest land in favour of **M/s.Singareni Collieries Company Limited** for sinking of Man winding shaft and essential infrastructure in shanthikani Long Wall project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Bellampally and District Mancherla State Telangana.– Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 53

Dated: 15-11-2021

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.387/2017/FCA-1/PS  
Dated: 09.07.2018.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.2917/For.I(1)/2018, Dated:28.08.2018.
- 3.From the Dy.Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-87/2001-FC (Vol.I), Dt.08.01.2019,
- 4.From the PCCF, T.S., Hyderabad, Lr.No.387/2017-FCA-1,  
Dt.13.05.2020.
- 5.Govt. Lr.No.2917/For.I(1)/2018, Dated:30.06.2020.
- 6.From the Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-87/2001  
-FC (Vol.I), Dt.18.08.2021.

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In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 4.828 ha of Forest land in favour of **M/s.Singareni Collieries Company Limited** for sinking of Man winding shaft and essential infrastructure in shanthikani Long Wall project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Bellampally and District Mancherla State Telangana.

2. In their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests Government of India, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **Final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 4.828 ha of Forest land in favour of **M/s.Singareni Collieries Company Limited** for sinking of Man winding shaft and essential infrastructure in shanthikani Long Wall project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Bellampally and District Mancherla State Telangana, under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

**A:Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land to user agency by the State Govt.:-**

- i. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate along with the annexures as required, from the concerned District Collector;

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- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, is demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates; and
- iii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986; if required;
- iv. The State Government shall upload the kml files of the area for diversion and the accepted degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;
- v. The State Government shall ensure that all the undertakings wrt this Ministry's Stage-I approval letter dt 08.01.2019 are submitted to the State Government by the User Agency;

**B.Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Govt.;**

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 10 ha of degraded forest land (Compt.no.348 of Bellampalli RF of Bellampalli range of Bellampalli division of Mancherial district) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species will be avoided.
- iii. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA under intimation to this Ministry;
- iv. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulating) Act,1957, as amended or Rules framed there under;
- v. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/ water bodies, whenever required, preferably within five years;
- vi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government;
- vii. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- viii. The User Agency in consultation with State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

- x. No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. Labour management plan should be implemented with emphasis that no labour camp be set up in the close vicinity of the eco-fragile and sensitive areas;
- xi. The Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xii. No additional or new road/path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;
- xiv. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xv. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xvii. The mining lease holder shall after ceasing the mining operation, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora and fauna.
- xviii. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the extant provisions in the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and made thereunder;
- xix. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency; and
- xx. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 08.01.2019 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S). if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and User Agency.

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